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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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Title: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING  
ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE,  
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 4, 2006 for which a response was initially due on or before July 4, 2006. Applicants request a three-month extension of time and attach the appropriate fee, making a response due on or before October 4, 2006. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

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